



## **RIM FIRE INFORMATION**

### **Update #25**

Release for Saturday, August 31, 2013/Time: 6:30 PM

#### **Incident Statics**

Acres Burned:	222,777 (348 square miles)	Structures Threatened:	4,500
Containment:	40%	Residences Destroyed:	11
Fire Start Date:	August 17, 2013	Commercial Property Destroyed:	3
Fire Cause:	Under Investigation	Outbuildings Destroyed:	97
Cost to date:	\$60 million	Injuries:	5
		Total Personnel	5,069

#### **Fire Update**

Good progress was made on containing the spot fire in the southern region of the fire. Moderate fire behavior was observed where fire was burning from ridgetops downslope. Burning operations commenced between Hells Mountain and Clavey Meadow. Burning operations continued along Tioga Road near Crane Flat and in the Hetch Hetchy area. Completion of burnout operations were done in between Big Oak Station and Hazel Green Ranch. The fire movement is advancing to the east further into Yosemite National Park's Aspen Valley and Cottonwood Meadow. Natural Barriers are limiting the spread to the northeast near Lake Eleanor.

#### **Park and Forest Closures**

The Stanislaus National Forest has expanded the area closure for the Mi-Wok Ranger District on the northern end and the entire Groveland Ranger District. Additional details are available from the Stanislaus Forest Supervisor's Office, 209-532-3671; Mi-Wok Ranger Station, (209) 586-3234; Summit Ranger Station, 209-965-3434; and Groveland Ranger Station, 209-962-7825. Yosemite National Park has closed Tamarack Flat and Yosemite Creek Campgrounds, both located along Tioga Road. White Wolf Campground and White Wolf Lodge remain closed.

#### **Road Closures**

Highway 120 remains closed from Buck Meadows to 1 ½ miles east of White Wolf. Highway 120 east/Tioga Road remains open from 1 ½ miles east of White Wolf to the Tioga Pass entrance. Cherry Lake Road is closed at Highway 120. Evergreen Road and Old Yosemite Road are also closed. Highway 120 from Ferretti Road to Buck Meadows remains open for local residents and businesses only.

#### **Evacuations and Advisories**

The Mariposa County Sheriff lifted the Mandatory Evacuation along Old Yosemite Road to include areas North and South of Bull Creek Road to Little Grizzly Mountain. An evacuation advisory remains in effect for Ponderosa Hills and areas east, along the south side of Highway 108 up to Pinecrest. An Evacuation Warning has been issued for all residences of Bondurant Mine Road, Texas Hill Road, and Wampum Hill. Highway 120 at the Yosemite National Park boundary west to Buck Meadows has been evacuated. Evacuation centers are at the Mother Lode Fairgrounds in Sonora and at the Greeley Hill Community Center.

**For more information or if you have questions, please contact the Rim Fire at 805-727-4775 or 805-727-4746 and Tuolumne City Rim Fire Information at 209-928-1059. If you have questions about Yosemite National Park call 209-372-0327 or 209-372-0329. Updated information is also available at <http://www.incweb.org/incident/3660/>. All media are requested to report to the Incident Command Post to check in with the Public Information Officers.**